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APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson & Richard D. Cramer
TITLE : A Further Method of Creating and Rapidly
Searching a Virtual Library of Potential Molecules
Using Validated Molecular Structural Descriptors
FILING DATE : May 25, 2001
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/866,495
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EXAMINER : Mary K. Zeman
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TO: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 6, 2003

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated March 6, 2003. This response is being timely filed along with a petition for extension of time and the required fee.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claim which begins on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18..